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Sir:

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DE 195 06 426 C1, published on November 28, 1969, with U.S. 5,704,945, issued on January 6, 1998, to Wagner et al, cited as a U.S. family member;

DE 39 23 057 A1, published on January 24, 1991, with English language abstract;

DE 197 54 690 A1, published on July 1, 1999, with English language abstract and with U.S. 6,423,098, issued on July 23, 2002, to Biedermann, cited as a U.S. family member;

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EP 0654 254 A1, published on May 24, 1995;

This citation does not constitute an admission that the cited references are relevant or material to the claims nor should it be construed as a representation that no other art than that identified exists. They are merely cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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